To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1867 without my signature.

This bill would require public agencies to accept bids for appraisal projects from any appraiser who is a designated member of any appraisal organization that is a member of the Appraisal Foundation and provides an appraiser who was not allowed to submit a bid to a public agency may sue that agency for equitable relief.

I vetoed a substantially similar bill last year on the grounds that it would create a specific cause of action which could result in significant litigation costs for public agencies. This bill does little or nothing to resolve my concerns regarding the threat of increased litigation or costs to the state.

For this reason, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger